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FOR CHIEF OF MISSION FROM ACTING ASST SECRETARY BUSHNELL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MODE STAFF REDUCTIONS

1. AS BUREAU PREPARES, WITHIN MODE GUIDELINES, TO MAKE
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT ELIMINATING AMERICAN AND LO-
CAL POSITIONS FROM VARIOUS AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT CEILINGS
THROUGHOUT ARA, WE WISH TO CONSULT WITH YOU ONCE MORE
TO OBTAIN YOUR THOUGHTS AND CONCURRENCES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MODE REQUESTS SENT TO YOU IN RECENT
MONTHS, YOU IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF AMERICAN AND LOCAL
POSITIONS WHICH COULD BE ELIMINATED WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO
THE CONDUCT OF U.S. RELATIONS WITH PARAGUAY. AS YOU KNOW,
AT HIS MARCH 13 CABINET MEETING, PRESIDENT CARTER REITERAT-
ED HIS INTENTION TO MAKE A SELECTIVE REDUCTION OF PERSONNEL
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SERVING UNDER DIPLOMATIC CHIEFS OF MISSION ABROAD. ACCORD-
INGLY, LETTERS WERE SENT TO THE CONCERNED DEPARTMENTS AND
AGENCIES SUMMARIZING THE STAFF REDUCTIONS YOU RECOMMENDED
AND REQUESTING THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO BRING ABOUT THESE
REDUCTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HOPEFULLY BY SEPTEMBER 30,
1978. THE PROPOSED STAFF REDUCTIONS IN QUESTION, AND THE
VARIOUS RESPONSES TO THEM SO FAR ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW:

PROPOSED REDUCTIONS

U.S. FSL

IAGS 1 (INTER-AMERICAN GEODETIC -
OFFICER)

AGENCY RESPONSE

IAGS

IAGS CONCURS WITH THE ELIMINATION OF 1 MILITARY POSITION,
BUT NOT UNTIL THE END OF FY81. IAGS STATES THAT THE
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM IN PARAGUAY WILL HAVE PROGRESSED
SUFFICIENTLY BY THAT TIME.

3. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM THE
AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OTHER POSITION YOU PROPOSED
REDUCING. UPON RECEIPT OF THEIR RESPONSE THE DEPARTMENT
WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THEIR VIEWS AND SOLICIT YOUR FINAL
COMMENTS.

4. IN REVIEWING IAGS RESPONSE, THERE DOES NOT APPEAR
TO BE ANY OVERWHELMING ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF RETAINING
THE POSITION IN QUESTION. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO
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RECEIVE YOUR FINAL COMMENTS IN LIGHT OF THE AGENCY
REPLY. VANCE

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